

Submission to An Comisiún Pleanála

Name: PJ and Margaret Mangan

Address: Cloonaglasha, Co. Galway H54 R628

Planning Reference Number: PAX07.323699

Development Proposal: Shancloon Wind Farm

We are writing to you as residents of Cloonaglasha, Co. Galway. My name is PJ Mangan and I have lived here since I was two years old and I am now 82 years old. I have been married to my wife Margaret for 56 years and have spent our entire married life here, raising our family in the peace and quiet of the countryside. Cloonaglasha has always been our home, a place of calm, safety, and natural beauty where we built our lives and where our children and grandchildren have always felt safe.

The proposed Shancloon Wind Farm fills us with sadness and deep concern. We live close to the proposed Turbine 11 and near the traffic route. The thought of constant heavy construction traffic on our narrow rural roads frightens us. These roads were never built for that kind of activity. We fear for our safety, our peace and the safety of our grandchildren.

We have spent a lifetime enjoying the quietness of this place, farming our land and raising our family. To imagine it will be replaced by noise, dust, traffic and massive moving blades is heartbreaking. This project would destroy the landscape and the damage to the natural environment would be irreversible.

I suffer from **epilepsy, vertigo, and get light-sensitive migraines**. We are genuinely afraid of what the **shadow flicker, aviation lights, and constant turbine noise** could mean for my health. We are not talking about minor inconvenience; we are talking about **serious health risks** and the possibility of losing the ability to live comfortably and safely in our own home. Please see attached a letter from my doctor.

We draw the attention of the Board to **Schedule 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2024**, which provides that a development may be refused where it would **endanger the health or safety of persons** occupying or adjoining structures, be **prejudicial to public health**, or where it would **endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users**. We submit that the scale, proximity and nature of the proposed development give rise to very real risks to our health, safety and wellbeing — including heavy construction traffic on narrow rural roads creating serious danger for residents and children, excessive noise, aviation lights and shadow-flicker impacts. Accordingly, the tests under Schedule 4 are clearly engaged.

<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2024/act/34/schedule/4/enacted/en/html>

We are also worried for the future of our family. This development will make it impossible for new homes to get planning permission in the area. Our grandchildren will have no choice but to move away. The sense of family and community that we have always known will be lost forever. We know our home will lose value, but what matters even more to us is that the place we love will lose its peace and character.

We feel strongly that the developer has not considered the real impact this project will have on local residents. There was **no proper engagement** with us, only leaflets dropped through the letterbox. No one has called to sit down and talk. We feel ignored and dismissed.

This area is simply not suitable for a development of this nature and scale. It will destroy what makes Cloonaglasha special.

We ask you, with respect and sincerity, to take our concerns to heart. Please do not allow this project to proceed. Protect our environment, our health, and the heritage of families like ours who have cared for this place all our lives.

Yours Sincerely,

PJ and Margaret Mangan
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15/10/2025

RE: MR. PATRICK J MANGAN, CLOONAGLASHA TUAM CO GALWAY .

DOB: 20/12/1942,

To whom it may concern,

The above named has a diagnosis of Epilepsy

Medical History

Condition
Epilepsy

Description

Yours sincerely



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